

December 3, 2010

TO: Virginia Child and Family Advocates

FROM: Thurman O. Echols, Jr., Chair
Governor's Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect

RE: 2011 Certificates of Appreciation Awards

Attached please find a request for nominations and a nomination form for the 2011 Certificate of Appreciation Awards. Your assistance by nominating an individual (volunteer, citizen, or professional) who has made substantial contributions to the field of child abuse and neglect would be appreciated.

A second nomination form is attached for a special award named in honor of the Board's first chairman, Dr. Anthony Shaw. The Dr. Shaw Award will be presented to an exceptional child protective services (CPS) professional currently or previously working in state or local CPS. CPS professionals are also eligible for the Certificate of Appreciation Awards.

Nominations are due by 5:00 P.M., Friday, January 14, 2011.

Virginia Department of Social Services
Attn: Ann Childress
Child Protective Services Unit
801 East Main Street, 11th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2901

Contact: Ann Childress at (804) 726-7545, ann.childress@dss.virginia.gov; or Rita Katzman at (804) 726-7554, rita.katzman@dss.virginia.gov. Thank you for your work in child abuse and neglect prevention, intervention and treatment on behalf of Virginia's children and families.

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Enclosures

**REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARDS**

The Governor's Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect is seeking nominations from individuals, organizations, and agencies to recognize persons whose prevention, intervention and treatment activities in the area of child abuse and neglect have shown exceptional merit. The deadline for submission of nominations for the 2011 Certificate of Appreciation Awards to the Board is **5:00 P.M., Friday, January 14, 2011.**

Nominees' contributions are to be truly outstanding, clearly setting them apart from their peers. Award recipients should be characterized by an evident quality of caring that permeates throughout all of their activities. The impact of the recipient's efforts on those affected will be of major importance, and any lasting contribution to overall program quality will also be considered.

Eligibility

Nominee(s) must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Award recipients should be public practitioners, private practitioners, corporate, governmental, volunteer or community representatives.

Nominating Procedures

1. Using the nomination form/format, outline the specific contribution(s) the nominee has made in the area of the prevention, intervention or treatment of child abuse and neglect to include: a brief summary of events/activities; the number of children involved; and the result(s) and/or resolution to the situation(s).
2. Submit at least three letters of support with the nomination form that address the specific contributions listed in #1 above. The letters can be from such sources as citizens, agencies, churches or social/civic organizations.
3. Send nomination form and letters of support by 5:00 P.M., Friday, January 14, 2011 to:

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Contact: Ann Childress, ann.childress@dss.virginia.gov; or by telephone at (804) 726-7545 or Rita Katzman, rita.katzman@dss.virginia.gov; or by telephone at (804) 726-7554.

**2011 NOMINATIONS FORM
FOR
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARDS**

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Email:

Home Phone:

Place of Employment:

Address:

Work Phone:

Name of Person Submitting Nomination:

Address:

Email:

Work Phone:

Fax:

1. This nominee represents the:

☐ **Public Practitioner Community**

☐ **Private Practitioner Community**

☐ **Volunteer Community**

☐ **Corporate Community**

☐ **Governmental Official**

2. Outline specific contribution(s) the nominee has made in the area of child abuse and neglect prevention, intervention and/or treatment to include:

a. brief summary of events/activities;

b. description and number (if known) of children impacted; and

c. result(s) and/or resolution of situation(s).

3. List briefly pertinent background on this individual.

4. Attach letters of support (at least three).